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Miss A. Edgar,

Sundridge, Ont.

Dear Miss Edgar:

Your letter has lain unanswered while I was absent on my holiday. I have just returned. It is a matter which I should like to talk to you about when you come back at the opening of the session. As it is improbable that the Y.M.C.A. building will be vacated for several years yet, the matter is not one of immediate urgency. I shall be glad if you will make arrangements at my office for a convenient time for an interview on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

President.

Extract from Mrs Harries letter

"My interest was first aroused by a Knox College student named McLeod who, I believe, died a few years - He called upon me and if I remember correctly stated, that the University college Y. M. C. A. building was then nearing completion that he and other students by subscription and in various ways (I cannot now say whether he said the University Trustees had assisted or not) had secured a goodly sum for the building itself but that they were discouraged with regard to the furnishing, indeed that it was impossible for the students to undertake the furnishing etc."

"We raised, I think, about $1500.00 or perhaps more and in a

short time when the building was ready to open the rooms were very comfortable. I cannot say at this date whether or not there was a debt on the building. This committee was continued for some time and the members occupied their energies in providing teas entertainments etc. for the young men - Personally, and I presume I am speaking the view of a large number of our citizens, I think it would be a great pity to see this building and its contents which was built and furnished, at least partially by christain people for a y.m.c.a. for business purposes"

"as the y.w.c.a. is a sister and the same (only for women) in its purposes, aims and methods, in my my estimation no better disposal could possibly be made of the building and its furnishings than to hand it over to this organization"

university undertook to raise the money for the furnishings and have helped it in many ways ever since. These women are very desirous that the Y. W. C. A. should have the use of the building. Mrs Mac Curdy, wife of Professor Mac Curdy, who was secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary for fourteen years writes "Some of us think this" (turning the building into offices for Mr Campbell) "would be a breach of faith with those whose money put up the building" I shall enclose an extract from a letter I received from Mrs John Harvie 177

Balmoral Avenue Toronto.

We shall be deeply grateful to you for any assistance you may give us

Yours very sincerely

Annie Edgar

(President University College Y.W.C.A 1913-1914)

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Petition to Board of Governors

Petition to the Board of Governors for the y.m.c.a. Building.

Annie Edgar, President of University College y.w.c.a humbly sheweth that:

1. The y.w.c.a. of University College has no rooms or building to carry on its work.
2. The y.w.c.a is doing a splendid Christain work which is steadily increasing
3. The y.m.c.a. Building will be vacated in a few years by the y.m.c.a. and unless this building is placed at the disposal of the y.w.c.a. the y.w.c.a will have no room for its meetings
4. The women who helped furnish and support the y.m.c.a. building for many years desire that it be given over to the y.w.c.a. and think that it "would be a breach of faith with those whose money put up the building" if it were used for offices.

We humbly beseech that the y.m.c.a. building be given over to the y.w.c.a. until such time as a new building be provided for the y.w.c.a

Annie Edgar
Sundridge
Ontario

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Through its endeavors the women are learning to relate Jesus Christ to every day incidents. The idea of service has been growing rapidly— service in the slums, in the non-christain lands and to the fellow students.

The Y. W. C. A feels that it could do much more effective work if it had a building of its own may I ask you to help the Y. W. C. A. obtain the use of the Y. M. C. A Building when Hart House is completed? I know that you are in sympathy with the aims of the association and have always helped us.

When the Y. M. C. A was built some women connected with the

Sundridge, Ont. August 18th, 1913.

President Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

Dear President Falconer,

I am writing to you regarding the Y. M. C. A Building of the University. In a few years the Y. M. C. A. will have splendid new quarters in Hart House and the Y. W. C. A of University College is very anxious to obtain the use of the old building until such a time as the university can provide us with a new building.

At present the Y. W. C. A has no building or room of its own which is suitable for meetings or classes. (We

have had the use of one of the rooms in the basement of the main Building for a lunch room for a few years) The Y. M. C. A has given us the use of one of their rooms for about an hour and a half once a week for the regular meeting but the regular meeting is but a small part of the association work. There are mission study. Bible study and social study classes, prayer circles and cabinet meetings which are held regularly. in whatever room we can find vacant upstairs in the East corridor of the main Building. Sometimes the room which has been used one week is occupied the next by special classes or by students studying and this compels us to use part of the hour searching for another room.

There is no doubt but that our work is greatly handicapped because we have no building or rooms. The Household Science Building has many rooms which could be used for these classes but as the classes are usually held during spare hours between lectures it is too far away from University College to be of any use to us.

If we do not obtain the Y. M. C. A. Building where shall we hold our regular meetings? There is no room in the Household Science Building suitable for it. The large lecture room on the first floor has no piano and the seats in it are arranged in such a way that the meetings would seem too formal and unsociable. Moreover the close proximity of the swimming tank might interfere with attendance at meetings. There is no room to which girls may come to talk over their problems and discuss the higher things of life.

No one can doubt but that the Y. W. C. A of University College is doing a splendid work.